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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

20 This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment dated 6/09/04, for which a one-month period for response is set for
7/09/04. Please amend the above-identified application in accordance the
directions set forth below.

25 **Amendment to the Claims** are reflected on the list of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.